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SUBJ: SWAPO LEADER ALLEGES SWAPO DISSIDENT SHIPANGA SOUTH AFRICAN
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1. SAM NUJOMA SPEAKING TO THE PRESS IN LUSAKA DENOUNCED A SOUTH AFRICAN DEMAND THAT SWAPO DISSIDENTS, INCLUDING ANDREAS SHIPANGA, BE RELEASED ALONG WITH NAMIBIAN POLITICAL PRISONERS. NUJOMA SAID THAT SOUTH AFRICA'S CONCERN FOR SHIPANGA PROVES SWAPO'S VIEW THAT SHIPANGA IS A "RACIST SPY IN SWAPO SKIN." NUJOMA REPEATED THE ACCUSATION THAT THE SHIPANGA GROUP WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE JULY 76 SOUTH AFRICAN ATTACK ON A SWAPO CAMP IN ZAMBIA'S WESTERN PROVINCE (REFTEL A). END UNCLASSIFIED

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COMMENT: SWAPO AND SWAPO SUPPORTERS ARE SENSITIVE ABOUT THE CHARGE THAT SWAPO IS HOLDING POLITICAL PRISONERS OF THEIR OWN AND ARE ATTEMPTING TO BUILD UP A DEFENSE AGAINST THE SOUTH
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AFRICAN DEMAND THAT THEY BE RELEASED, BY LABELING THEM SOUTH AFRICAN SPIES. THOUGH SWAPO IS SENSITIVE ON THIS SCORE, IT APPEARS THAT WHILE SOME ACCOMODATION MAY BE MADE FOR LESSER FIGURES, E.G., THE GRZ AFFORDING REFUGEE STATUS TO 200 SWAPO DETAINEES AND TRANSFERRING THEM TO A RECOGNIZED REFUGEE CAMP (REFTEL B), SWAPO IS UNLIKELY TO APPROVE RELEASE OF THOSE DISSIDENTS, SUCH AS SHIPANGA, WHO ONCE FREED COULD BE EXPECTED

TO ATTACK NUJOMA'S LEADERSHIP.
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